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Red Spy Network

ALLEN DULLES, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, has indicated that the public has only a slight inkling of the vast espionage network being developed by the Soviet Union.

Speaking at a private dinner in Chicago recently, he said that many high-level Communist agents, whose names have not yet been disclosed, have defected to the West, providing authentic information of Red espionage plans.

Because of the secrecy of the work of his agency, Mr. Dulles spoke only in generalities, but the facts he discussed are of sufficient magnitude to give reason for serious thought.

Mr. Dulles said that Russia spends 10 per cent of its military budget in support of subversive activities, and it graduates thousands of espionage agents from special training schools each year. These agents are sent back to their native country to work "underground."

The CIA chieftain said these Kremlin-trained agents were behind the North African nationalist riots, the recent London dock strike and disorders in Iran. Closer to home, he observed that communism "is making progress in the Western Hemisphere."

Mr. Dulles gave some comfort with the comment that "the FBI and J. Edgar Hoover are dealing adequately with the problem." But even this reassurance leaves no room for complacency. Inspired by their success in some of the disorders mentioned by Mr. Dulles, the Communists are likely to train agents in great numbers. Subversives often can succeed where armies fail. The only answer is vigilance.

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